

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 60, lines 7-8, please amend the specification as follows:

The presence or absence of N-terminally truncated A β species is studied in the brain tissue or any tissue of any animal sources such as transgenic mice containing the human mutated amyloid precursor protein (APP) gene (Games et al., 1999; Takeuchi et al., 2000; Kawarabayashi et al., 2001; for a more complete list of available transgenic models see the website at [~~http://www~~]/alzforum.org/home.asp). As amyloid deposition in these transgenic animals is age-dependent, brains need to be examined at different stages, for instance, at very early stages (6 months), early stages (9 months), middle stages (15 months), and late stages (21 months) in the transgenic mice of Moechars et al. (1999).